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1. [ ] Met with Mr. James Lowenstein and Mr. Richard Moose, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and gave them a map outlining the areas of Laos controlled by North Vietnamese forces. See Journal of 19 May. They were most appreciative of the Agency assistance provided in the preparation of the map. Mr. Lowenstein said that as soon as their report is ready, they will pass it to use for our review and sterilization of source references.

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2. [ ] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and gave him a blind memorandum dated 19 May concerning Jack Anderson's allegations relating to CIA and Air America complicity in narcotics traffic in Indochina. Mr. Preston told me that he had talked to Chairman Mahon yesterday about the fact that there has been no meeting of the Special Group this year. However, Mr. Mahon did not set a date for meeting.

I also briefed Mr. Preston on Brezhnev's proposal for negotiations on MBFR; Soviet sub tender and deisel submarines headed toward Caribbean; Soviet silo construction and Soviet bomber "backfire."

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3. [ ] Mr. Cord Meyer, ADDP, and I accompanied David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and Richard Davies, Bureau of European Affairs in State, to a meeting with Senator Clifford P. Case (R., N. J.) and John Marks, of his staff, to discuss legislation being introduced by Senator Case to create a private corporation to handle public funding for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. See Memo for the Record.

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4. [ ] Received from Mrs. Lois Meyers, Employees Benefit Subcommittee of House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, a transcript of the Committee hearings of 19 May for review by DDS.

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5. [ ] Received a call from Representative Robert Steele (R., Conn.) in response to my offer to meet with him to discuss the problem of drugs in Southeast Asia. Mr. Steele said he would like very much to go into this in some depth and we agreed to meet in his office at 2:30 tomorrow. He commented that he was particularly interested in what "requirements" the Agency had to collect intelligence on this subject.

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6. [ ] Met with Mr. Ed Kellaher, Chief Property Custodian for the House of Representatives, and Mr. Harold Wills, of his staff, and made arrangements for Mr. Wills to come to the Agency on 1, 2 and 3 June for meetings with our Security people on matters of physical security of interest to him.

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7. [ ] Barbara Downey, in the office of Representative Edward Koch (D., N.Y.), called on behalf of the divorced wife of an alleged CIA employee stationed overseas who, the wife charges, is in arrears in alimony payments. Miss Downey gave me the necessary identifying data and I said I would check it out and be back in touch.

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8. [ ] Ambassador Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, called from State to say they were particularly troubled by Senator Case's [ ]

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[ ] and wondered whether the Director felt he could do anything to quiet Case down. Symmes said that Case was apparently on a "freedom of information" kick and unless he was turned off we could expect one serious disclosure after another. I said I doubted whether the Director would feel disposed to take this up with Case, but I would mention this to him and would also see what I could do to get Milton Young or Carl Marcy to focus on the problem and possibly offer some help or suggestion. I said in the last analysis it was a White House matter and should be taken up with the LIG.

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